

Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of May 24, 2007
Recessed from May 21, 2007

Members present

Kim Clark Phillips- Chairman
Tommy Garner - Vice-Chairman
Chad Wagoner - Commissioner
Joel Cornelius - Commissioner
Brady Wooten - Commissioner

Others Present

Eric Williams – County Manager
James Graham – County Attorney
Gina Brown – Clerk to the Board
Kim Bates – Planning and Zoning Director

Chairman Phillips called the recessed meeting back to order at 6:43 pm.

Zoning – Johnson Modern Electric

A summary of discussion and previous decision on Johnson Modern Electric rezoning was provided. The Office of Lee Zachary sent a letter withdrawing the Johnson Modern Electric petition for rezoning. Discussion followed. In conclusion, zoning district RI is appropriate for the site with a text amendment to include business offices. This action would require a public hearing which could be held in conjunction with a public hearing for rezoning the Johnson Modern Electric property, provided that Steve Johnson files a new petition. A special meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2007.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to set a public hearing for a text amendment on Zoning District RI for June 18, 2007 with an additional public hearing for rezoning of Johnson Modern Electric property from RA to RI. Motion second by Commissioner Cornelius.

Vote: 5/0

** Special Note: Some discussion concerned signage for public hearings. The consensus of the Board is that current signage should be reevaluated.*

County Employee Health Insurance

Manager Williams provided brief background information on a proposal for health insurance coverage. Rusty Crissman, Insurance Broker for Crissman, Mendenhall, Steelman Insurance, presented information on an adjustment to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy that would net the County savings between \$26,000 - \$39,000. The plan would involve raising the insured's maximum out-of-pocket expense. Research indicated that this could potentially only affect 17 employees based on previous years' models. Rusty also explained that as the county's broker, he could design any number of plans with different variables and costs. Manager Williams recommended approving the original 10.2% insurance increase for budgeting purposes but accept the new policy that would result in an actual increase of only 7% to allow some budget flexibility.

Commissioner Cornelius made the motion to accept this recommendation. Wagoner provided a second.

Vote: 5/0

Chair Phillips announced break at 8:00. Meeting called back to order at 8:15.

Notification Requirements for Planning Board Meetings

Board of Commissioners briefly discussed notification requirements for Planning Board meetings. Commissioner Wooten believed the public should have a right of notification and attendance. The majority of the Board felt that since the Planning Board is not a legislative body with no decision-making authority, the Planning Board should not be subjected to extensive public comment. No action was taken at this time.

Zoning – Douglas Weatherman

Commissioner Wooten commented that Mr. Weatherman should be compensated for the earlier county error by approving his rezoning request. Commissioner Cornelius commented that the area in question is strictly rural agriculture and to approve this request would be a total disregard of current zoning standards. Other discussion followed. In conclusion, the majority of the Board agreed with their earlier decision and no further action was needed.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to enter closed session.

Commissioner Garner second.

Vote: 5/0

**Commmissioner Wagoner made a motion to end the closed session.
Commissioner Cornelius second.
Vote: 5/0**

Recessed meeting called back to order at 8:45

Inter Local Agreement

Manager Williams presented information on the agreement with the Town of Yadkinville on sewer issues with Austin Company. Manager Williams proposed an amendment to the existing agreement to include a language adjustment. This will be presented to the Board at the June 4 meeting.

Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings

Manager Williams informed the Board that information and potential procedures for Public Hearings are available in the administrative offices and are being reviewed. One concern is the amount of time spent on public hearings and the ability to focus on other issues. The majority of the Board felt that public hearings should hold similar time limits and guidelines as public comments. Commissioner Wooten objected to limiting the public's ability to speak.

**Commissioner Cornelius made a motion to limit public hearings on this basis: 15 minutes "for", 15 minutes "against", and 15 minutes "administrative". Commissioner Wagoner second.
Vote: 4/1 (Wooten against)**

Budget Highlights

Manager Williams presented the following budget highlights:

- (1) Employees – COLA increases for 2%, 2 ½%, 2 ¾%, and 3%
Position evaluation
Proposed pay/class study
- (2) Schools – Current expenses
Middle school construction
No QZAB (deadline unmet)
- (3) Other Capital Projects – Jail/Law Enforcement Center
Utilities
Rolling Stock
- (4) Organization – Possible reorganization for Fire, Inspections, Animal Control, Finance, and Human Resources
- (5) Tax Base – Significance of lost farm tax revenue

Recess

Commissioner Cornelius made the motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 7:00 pm strictly for budget review.

Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Prepared and Approved by Clerk to the Board